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SPRING 1976 MEETING: Hawk's Nest State Park on U. S. Route 60 - Ansted, West Va. will be the site for the next meeting of NSCA. The dates will be May 7 - 8 , 1976. A complete report with information on reservations, etc. will be presented in the next issue. This advance notice is being given so that you can plan your vacations, etc. A previous meeting of our group was held here several years ago and many present at the Roanoke event last fall indicated a strong desire to return here for the next meeting... Hawk's Nest State Park is visited by more people than any other park in West Va. It features a nice lodge on the banks of the famous New River Gorge and is only a short distance from the soon to be world famous New River Gorge Bridge. A cable car system takes guests to the bottom of the gorge and the lodge features a swimming pool for guests, a museum and other features. Food is very reasonable and the State of W. Va. is now operating the facility following a recent change of management. Don't miss out on this great token swap and shop event !!

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TOKEN SLIDE SHOW AND LECTURE: Scriptor Bob Craigo has spent several years in the preparation of a history of the manufacturers of coal and lumber tokens and will present a special show as a part of the Spring 1976 meeting. His extensive research and study has resulted in much new factual information and he has prepared about 70 slides to accompany his lecture. Don't miss this big event scheduled as a part of the Hawk's Nest meeting.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS: New officers will be elected at the Spring 1976 meeting at Hawk's Nest in May. Watch for information on this in your next bulletin due out in about six weeks or so.

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FREE ADS - QUESTION AND ANSWER: All members are encouraged to make use of these portions of your SCRIP T ALK bulletin.... Remember to send your free ads direct to Paul Cunningham and your Question and Answer material direct to John Fliss. (Addresses are shown on their bulletin pages in this issue) All other material should be sent direct to the Editor: Walter Caldwell, Box 29, Fayetteville, West Va. 25840.

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DONOHOE ESTATE FINAL LISTINGS: This issue contains the final listings of the No. 1 collection of the late Ancil Donohoe. Don't miss out on this opportunity to acquire new and uncommon items for your coal and lumber token collection.

"THE SALEM MINE - WHERE IS IT ??"

By: John R. Fliss

There are three tokens of the SALEM MINE that are familiar to most coal scrip collectors. They are:

1. GOOD FOR 1 EXPLODER - Octagon Shape - 22mm
2. GOOD FOR 1 STICK POWDER - Square Shape - 22 mm
3. GOOD FOR 3 STICKS POWDER - Round Shape - 21mm

All are of brass composition and holed at 12 o'clock. The reverse of each is blank. The obverse on all contains the single word "SALEM" and the GOOD FOR value.

The information available on the token obviously indicates it to be a mining token, but not necessarily a coal token. Is it a coal token? And, where was the Salem Mine located?

Up to the end of 1975, the tokens were generally attributed to the SALEM CO. MINE, Salem, Colunbiana County, Ohio. They have also been attributed to the SALEM COAL & COKE CO. of both Clearfield and DuBois, Clearfield County, Pa. I have even heard Salem, Roanoke County, Va. and Salem, Harrison County, W.Va., mentioned as possibilities. All locations can't be right and in fact, none are correct.

The Salem Mine was a coal mine located near New Alexandria, Westmoreland County, Pa. It was owned by the Keystone Coal & Coke Co., headquartered at the County Seat of Greensburg, Pa.

The Salem Mine shut down in 1945 when Keystone Coal & Coke went out of the mining business.

As one travels East on US Route 22, approaching New Alexandria, the concrete base of the mine shaft can still be clearly seen from the highway by looking to the right or due South. Also to be seen are the abandoned red brick lamphouse and repair shop nestled to the right on a hill-top. Coke ovens once lined the hillside around the mine shaft. They have all been covered with earth and no visible traces of their existence is evident. Only tall grass and brush grows where once the ovens smoked. The original company store, Hempfield Supply Co., still stands nearby. It still operates as a General Store and is owned by Mr. Dougal Neilson, who once managed the Hempfield company store. A cluster of old but neat wooden homes still surrounds the mining area. Residents affectionately refer to is as Plumville. The name will not be found on a map because there was never a Post Office in the town. Residents were serviced by the New Alexandria office.

But.... why was the mine called SALEM ?? That's easy... It was located in Salem Township.

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The above article by Scriptor Fliss will be entered in the contest for the large walnut trophy to be awarded for the best article in SCRIP TALK by the date of the Spring 1976 meeting in May...... Why not submit some articles for publication?? Surely you have something of interest in your collection that you could write a short article about..... Get involved in NSCA....

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As time and space permits....Several scriptors have mentioned that they have an interest in "tobacco tin tags"... Why not bring along some of your items to the Spring Meeting at Hawk's Nest so that our other collectors can see these interesting items...Scriptor WM Gray is searching for glassine envelopes like those used for U.S. Mint uncirculated coins. Too, he would like a sealer. Anyone have information on where these might be obtained?..... Scriptor Harold Schmal of Phoenix had a narrow escape with burglars recently. He came in on them at his home and he was sprayed with tear gas - bound and gagged and was threatened with death. Lost about $12,000. and his automobile..... Scriptor R. R. Tippy - have you any additional info on the scrip that turned up in the Tennessee area? Keep us posted..... Scriptor Ben Odesser is searching for Fordson tokens. Why not let him know of anything that you have available for sale or trade?..... Thanks to Scriptor Gordon Dodrill for the article from Pittsburgh Press on the Gorge Bridge - see item in another section of this bulletin. This construction project is a MUST SEE for all of you who plan to attend the Spring Meeting at nearby Hawk's Nest State Park.....Scriptor Tippy recently toured Illinois and reports that he found nary a piece of coal scrip. He did locate some new items from "Felker Brothers Commissary - Sixth Vein Mine".....Turns out that one of our new members, Scriptor Don Jones is formerely from Fayetteville area. His father was super at N.R.&P. operation many years ago. Welcome to the group, Don..... The Donohoe collection is going to realize approximately $12,000.00 it would appear. This, of course, is only for the Number 1 collection (he had a second duplicate collection on some items and other duplicates and trading material). Thus, you scriptors have an indication of the potential investment value of your collection of coal and lumber items..... Incidentally, I am looking for choice material for consignment in future auctions.... YOU still have time to win the large trophy to be awarded for the best article published in SCRIP TALK before the Spring meet. Why not give us some material for publication ?? Too, you can still win the second large trophy for securing the most new members for NSCA. See the present results in this issue. ... We need membership effort from our present members.....Scriptor H. E. Kelso sends notes on Carney Cherokee Coal Company of Pittsburg, Kansas. He lived in Pittsburg for 43 years and notes that in 1918-19 there were over 101 coal offices in Pittsburg. In the peak period, Pittsburg had eight switch crews to take care of the coal business. Some of the mines were Sheridan Coal Co., Patton Coal & Mining Co., Western Coal Co., Hamilton Coal Co., Weir Cherokee Coal Co., and Carney Cherokee Coal Co..... Scriptor Arlie Slabaugh - thanks for the wonderful card for Christmas. Hope you can make it to the meeting at Hawk's Nest in May.... Don't believe we thanked Dean Davis for the fine job he done in making all of the arrangements for Roanoke meeting. Thanks, Dean..... Be thinking about the election of new officers coming up..... Will have information and news on this in next issue.

Question:

Answer:

This feature is an attempt to create new and more interest in our SCRIP TALK publication. It offers a chance for all readers to participate by asking questions and acquiring answers and information about coal and lumber tokens which will make collecting more enjoyable. We may not be able to answer all questions but our membership will at least have the collective benefit of the knowledge of the "pros" and "experts" in our organization. Those that I have contacted have assured me that they will be delighted to help were possible. And, you don't have to be an expert to help. Anyone that can contribute any information or enlightment is welcome to do so. Needless to say, the success of this effort will depend on the response and cooperation of all. Let's get involved !! All letters should be mailed within 10 days to make the next issue of the bulletin...

Q AND A MAIL TO:
John R. Fliss
321 Pershing Drive
New Kensington, Pa. 15068

Q. Does anyone know for certain if the scrip of the H. E. Harman Coal Corp. of Harmon, Va. was ever destroyed? A Florida reader has tried for years to acquire a set and has been successful in getting only a 1c C2 and a 1c C4-48.

A. At the time of this report, I have been unable to determine from any source regarding the destruction of this scrip. It is certainly not plentiful but I know a collector who has two varieties of the 1c C3 and 1c C4-48 plus a 5c, 10c, and 25¢ all C2. All are white metal.

Q. A Tennessee scriptor asks if the donation of scrip to Historical Societies is a deductible item on the Federal Income Tax. He knows for certain that it is when donated to libraries and museums.

A. My tax man said all such donations to bona-fide public service type organizations are generally deductible. One should claim only the fair market value of the time at the time of the donation. He suggested that for greater certainty, a call or visit to the local IRS office would clear up the situation. (The toll free number is: 1-800-642-1931)

Q. A Virginia collector asks what can one do about the practice of vendors offering tokens for sale and then disposing of them before receiving a reply.

A. Not much, I'm afraid. Buying and selling is a two way street. The seller should set a definite time limit or at least wait a reasonable time for a response. The buyer should, of course, not delay his intentions and respond as soon as possible. The Golden Rule should apply.

Q. Can anyone help a Vienna, W.Va. scriptor regarding a "maverick" token in his collection? The obverse shows only "J. W. TAYLOR" and the reverse has the INGLE SYSTEM 1909 logo. Denomination is $1.00.

A. May or may not be coal. Dodrill has no listing and it is not on Trantow"s recent lumber listings. TAMS (Token and Medal Society) has been successful in identifying many such tokens. Would appreciate help from any Scriptor who is also a member of TAMS in checking their "maverick" lists.

Note: The C2 - C4-48 - Ingle System, etc. notes used in all SCRIP TALK bulletins refers to the SCRIPIDENT types for identification of manufacturers of coal and lumber tokens. Refer to SCRIP TALK bulletins for chart showing the various types listed. Scriptor Fliss has this new feature off to a fine start... get involved by sending questions and information to him for future issues !!

BUY OR TRADE: Top prices for 1¢ and 5¢ coal and lumber tokens. Please write. Paul Jensen Box 271 Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

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FOR TRADE. Complete 1¢ to $10 8-piece brass and aluminum set of Maple Store Co., Maple Run, Pa. coal scrip for other scrip of comparable value. Let me know what you have to exchange.
John R. Fliss 321 Pershing Dr. New Kensington, PA 15068

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FOR TRADE: Oak Saloon, Welch, W. Va., good for 5¢ in trade, 21mm rd brass. Trade for choice Nevada token - Virginia City pieces get first consideration, see Dec. '75 issue.
Hal Dunn Box 114 Carson City, NV 89701

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RAILROAD DATE NAILS for trade for explosive checks, "Good Luck" swastika tokens or Michigan trade tokens. Have 1929, 1932 thru 1942, 1944 thru 1948, 1953 and 1954. Some are in short supply.
Clarence Ziegler 2705 Grace Port Huron, MI 48060

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FOR TRADE: Powder scrip from The Vesta Coal Co., J.&L. Steel Corporation Vesta Coal Div., and Carbon Coal & Coke Company. Six tokens with limited supply of one to four of each kind. Trades for Fla. or Ala. tokens which I need will receive first choice.
C.R. Clark P.O. Box 13331 St. Petersburg, Fla. 33733

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Trade any or all for best offer in Texas or TN trade tokens (any type): Carbon Coal Co. Store, Carbon, Okla. 5¢,BR; Consolidated Timber Co., Glenwood (Ore.) 10¢ WM; Huerfane Trading Co. (Colo) 5¢ BR; Raven Red Ash Coal Co. Inc. 1¢ WM. No cash offers, please.
Bill Fowler 2402 Pickwick Lane Austin, Tex. 78746

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Will trade W.R. Burrows Agt. 10 cts at The Midlothian Store for Texas Merchant tokens.
Harry L. Strough 106 West Rocky Creek Houston, TX 77022

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Send up to (20) different trade tokens, city, state for your different city, state. Have many tokens for sale or trade. Let me know what state or type you collect. May be able to help.
Stanley L. Buckley 23-18th St. Newport, KY 41071

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FOR SALE - Cedar Rapids. Ia./Central Park Fuel Co./Not Transferable/ 5¢-10¢-25¢/Rd/Al/10¢-25¢-40¢-50¢/Rd/BR/ (These were coal haulers chips, and not given out to the public. They could be turned in at the end of the work day for their pay. They were used in the 20's and 30's) $6.50 a set. Vernon McDowell, 1029-2nd St.,S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

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BUYING - All tokens/scrip from Cook and Carter Coal in Terry, West Virginia. Pay well for these pieces; send pieces or quote your prices to my new address.
Terry Jordan P.O. Box 11274 Alexandria, VA 22312

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"HI NEIGHBOR"

Here's the DEAL

CLASSIFIED EDITOR ::

Paul A. Cunningham
P. O. Box 1
Tecumseh, Michigan 49286

SCRIP TALK ADventures

Each NSCA member can insert an ad FREE in each issue of "SCRIP TALK" if following rules are observed:

1. Ad will be limited to four lines (approx. 40 words) in each issue.
2. Each issue ad must be different. No standing ad copy permitted.
3. FREE to NSCA current paid members only.
4. All ad copy must be forwarded within 10 days of receipt of current issue to Classified Editor at address shown.....

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WANTED: Two coal car checks with the number 237. Please state price in first letter.
D. Frank Elam Box 174 Harvey, IL 60426

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WANTED - to buy or trade for one J.M. Graham/ Merchant/ Pinewood, Tenn, any denomination - 5¢ most wanted.
Dave Mullins P.O. Box 17571 Nashville, TN 37217

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WANTED; Tokens from Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Montana and Wisconsin, especially coal scrip. Write describing items for sale or trade. Have lots of coal scrip to trade.
R.E. Gantner 829 W. Melin St. Port Washington, WI 53074

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WANTED: Miss, LA, Ala. trade tokens. Will buy or trade coal tokens or merchant tokens from many states for them.
Lou Crawford Box E Long Beach, Miss. 39560

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HELP!! Georgia Merchant trade tokens wanted. Buy Adolf Hitler portrait medals, tokens, etc., and 1895 Cotton States International Exposition souvenirs.
R.W. Colbert 4156 Livsey Rd. Tucker, Georgia 30084

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WANTED: Missouri merchant tokens, political items and German porcelain notgeld.
Littlefield 4841 Hannover St. Louis, MO 63123

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WANTED coal scrip from KY or Ohio also trade tokens from these states. Will buy or trade for any other coal scrip. Will sell T.P. Watkins East Bernstadt KY 25¢ & 50¢ for $1.00 each postpaid.
Joe Ledonne 58-16th St. Newport, KY 41071

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South Carolina tokens wanted. Also mill store tokens wanted (textile). I have some tokens for trade. Thanks.
Randy Chambers P.O. Box 1026 Gaffney, S.C. 29340
Write for my want list.

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** PRICES REALIZED SALE NO. 31 - CLOSING DATE - JANUARY 30, 1976 **

This is a FREE BONUS for all SCRIP TALK readers... Others charge $1.00 or more... Many Scriptors record these prices on their last bulletin pages so that they have a current price indicator on coal scrip and lumber tokens... Makes a fine good for your future bids... On tie bids, earliest postmark was used to award the lot... On numbers not shown, no bids were received OR individual lot bids topped the group bid numbers...

1/9.80 2/5.50 3/15.00 4/no bid 5/9.95 6/5.25 7/4.00 8/8.00 9/nb 10/8.50 11/5.50 12/3.95 13/8.50 14/nb
15/4.60 16/5.25 17/6.00 18/7.50 19/5.15 20/6.85 21/nb 22/10.75 23/7.50 24/10.50 25/10.50 26/6.80 27/4.10
28/3.50 29/6.50 30/12.50 31/ind. bids topped group 32/.65 33/12.50 34/16.40 35/5.50 36/3.25 37/6.60 38/3.00
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By careful study of the above bid results you will see that many items went for bargain prices... It could be that some of you scriptors are not reading all of the fine print in the listings....Many, many of these listings were not in many collections that I know of... The same is true of the listings in Sale No. 32... I would urge that you check each lot listing against your collection... I feel certain that you will find many new items for your collection at your bid price... Incidentally, Sale No. 31 brought the largest number of bidders of any of the recent sales and still you will find "nb" after many of the numbers indicating that no bids were received... Sale Number 32 winds out the listing of the items in the Ancil Donohoe collection and I know that the family is pleased that so many collectors were able to share in the many tokens that were offered... Good luck in your bids in Sale Number 32...

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MEMBERS

The following new members have been received since the last bulletin... make them welcome ! Name in (parens) receives contest credit....

336. C. W. Hall, Rt #17 - Highway #62, Knoxville. Tenn. 37921 (Tippy)
337. Claud Murphy, Jr., Box 921, Decatur, Georgia 30031 (Colbert)
338. Lennie Poland, 352 Oakland St., Morgantown, W.Va. 26505
339. Olney Collins, 1810 Highland View Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864 (Don Jones)
340. Laverne Aaron, 919 West Webster, Benton, Illinois 62812
341. Betty Bryant, 18 N. Clifton, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 (Tippy)
342. Audrey O. Greever, 5101 Althea Drive, Annadale, Virginia 22003 (Shuff)
343. J. M. Doss, P. O. Box 122, Clay, West Va. 25043 (Doss)
344. Van's Coal & Craft Shop, Box 984, Beckley, West Va. 25801 (Snodgress)
345. Charles Williamson, Jr., Rt. 2, Waverly, Ohio 45690 (Doss)
346. Russ Pyle, Box 2, Waverly, Ohio 45690 (Doss)

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MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

1st - R. R. Tippy 7 members -- 2nd - Crawford Badham 5 members -- 3rd - Harold Snodgress -4 4th - Buck Calvert, Paul Jensen and Lloyd Doss- 3 members -- 5th - Elzie Williamson and Fred Shuff -2 members -- IN THE RACE - Colbert, Davis, D. Jones, Lee, Rippe, Skaggs and King !
WHO WILL WIN THE DONOHOE MEMORIAL TROPHY AT THE SPRING MEETING IN MAY??

NSCA
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION

Annual Dues $ 3.00
Includes subscription to "Scrip Talk" bulletin!

JOIN TODAY

NSCA: I hereby apply for membership and agree to abide by the By-Laws.

NAME: ______________________
ADDRESS: ______________________
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Age: ____ Approx. size of scrip collection ____

MAIL TO: Walter Caldwell, Box 29, Fayetteville, West Va. 25840

Recommended by: ______________________